

“Today is the day we grow bigger than our differences and offer to everyone regardless of historical rights and wrongs, a friendly welcome and show appreciation to the dignitaries, and community members all brought together for one cause and that is to improve the lives of our future generations and the citizens of our community. Here’s and appreciative welcome to you all.”

Let me give you a little background information on the Community of Red Lake, Navajo NM. This information is from the 2011 Census Estimates Produced by the TSE’HOOTSOOI’ Medical Center, Fort Defiance Indian Hospital

Red Lake Community total population is 2,557 community members and of those 1,201 are between 0 and 17, and a total of 169 elders ranging from 60 years and older. Of the 736 housing units 538 household are occupied with 200 unoccupied within the chapter community of those household there are 247 with children under the age of 18, average household members is 5, with 99 of the total population have veterans status, 1,489 age 16 and older who are considered the workforce population, of that number 967 unemployed, 181 households are dependent on Food Stamps and SNAP benefits. These are just some of the numbers that I would like to make you aware of and request your partnering with our community to make a difference and help us regain the economic sustainability that we had when Navajo Forestry Product Industry (NFPI) was in operation.